

**DRIED CELLULAR HYDROCOLLOID CARRIERS COMPRISING VIABLE
MICROORGANISMS AND USE THEREOF IN BIOLOGICAL CONTROL**

ABSTRACT

5 The present invention provides cellular solid carriers comprising viable
microorganisms capable of controlling plant pathogens. The cellular solid carriers are
formed from water-soluble hydrocolloid beads dried under conditions which preserve
their porosity, thereby allowing efficient release of microorganisms or diffusion of
products derived from the microorganisms from the beads to the surrounding
10 environment.

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